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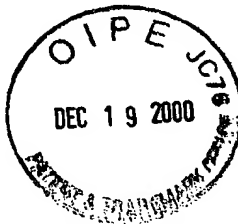
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED IN CONNECTION WITH A CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to paper, mailed December 12, 2000, and to the Office Action, mailed March 20, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification at page 11, lines 4 and 5, by deleting the sentence "Neutrophil activation by the pancreatic homogenate has been found to be inhibited by protease inhibitors."

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-9, 25-31, 39 and 40 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

19. (Amended) A method of [treating or] improving treatment outcome or reducing risk of treatment or reducing the risk of developing [preventing] disorders [mediated by] accompanied by inappropriate cellular activation, comprising, prior to effecting treatment for the disorder, administering an effective amount of a protease inhibitor, wherein:
the amount is effective in lowering cell activation, thereby improving treatment outcome and reducing the risk of treatment of the disorders; and

no actual treatment for composition i.e. Diabetes disease

But add the protease inhibitor treatment?

How can claim include treatment for i.e. Diabetes and then not disclose an actual comp. to treat i.e. Diabetes.